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**RE:** U.S. Serial No. 10/676,937 for DUAL NEUTRAL START SWITCHES  
Response to Restriction Requirement of March 25, 2005.

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Applicant:	Keller, et al.	)	
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Serial No.:	10/676,937	)	Examiner: Petravick, Meredith C.
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Filed:	October 1, 2003	)	Group Art Unit: 3671
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Title:	DUAL NEUTRAL START	)	No.: 36400.63US1
	SWITCHES	)	

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

The second Restriction Requirement dated March 25, 2005, has been received and its contents carefully noted. Applicant has previously responded to an earlier restriction requirement by electing the species of Figs. 2-6.

In the present Action, the Examiner has requested restriction between Group I directed to "the embodiment with a mower blade in Fig. 5" and Group II showing "the embodiment with a drive device in Figs. 2-4." It is understood from a telephone call with the Examiner on April 11, 2005, that the reference to Fig. 5 for Group I is a typographical error and should be "Fig. 6."

Applicant elects Species II of Figs. 2-5 without traverse. It is believed that at least the following claims read on this species: Claims 1-5, 10-12, 15-17, 20-24, 28, 30-35, 38 and 40-43. The Examiner has indicated that claims 1 and 30 are generic.

It is noted, however, that Fig. 6 depicts one representative application where the invention shown in Figs. 2-5 may be used. The "blade clutch" function is but one alternative element shown in Fig. 6, and this election should not be read as limiting Fig. 6 to only that feature.

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It is believed that the applicant has complied with all outstanding requirements and it is respectfully requested that this patent be given a Notice of Allowability at the earliest possible date.

Respectfully submitted,

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